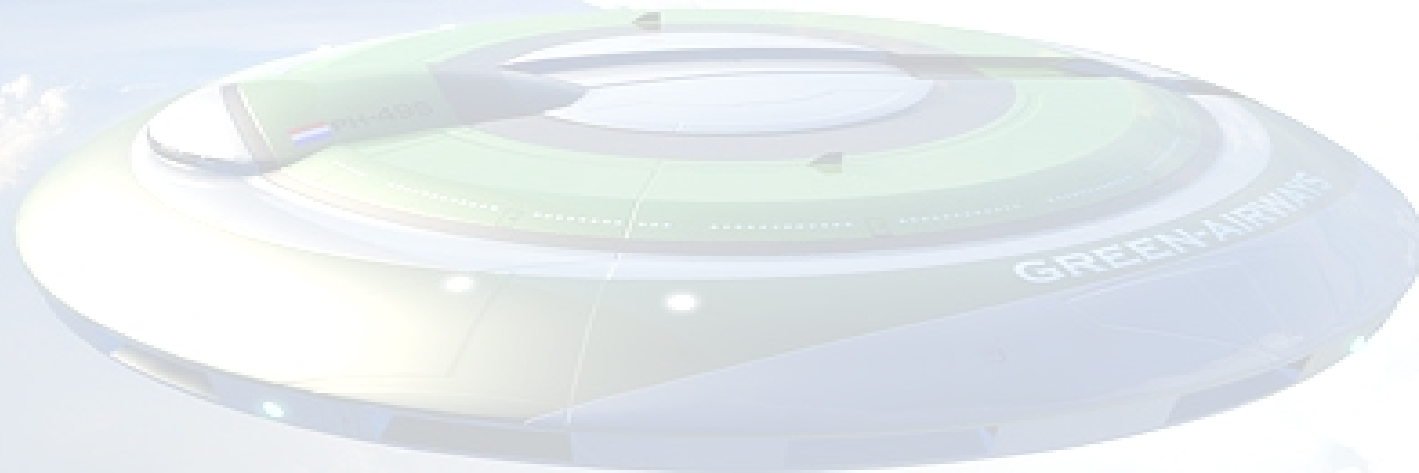




# *The CleanEra Project:*



**Hamburg**

November 1, 2007

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Programme board DELcraFTworks

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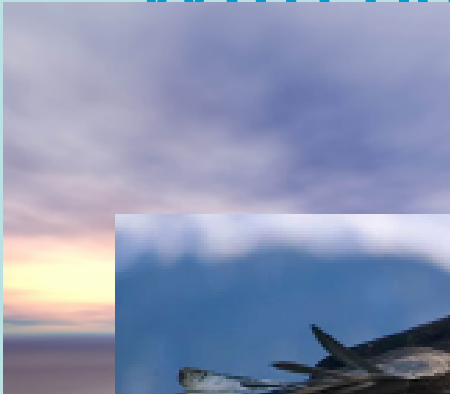
 **TU Delft**

Delft University of Technology

- Breakthroughs in aviation
- Challenges for air transport and Europe's future aeronautics ("Vision 2020")
- DELcraFTworks, CleanEra Project



# A dream..... With nature as inspiration:



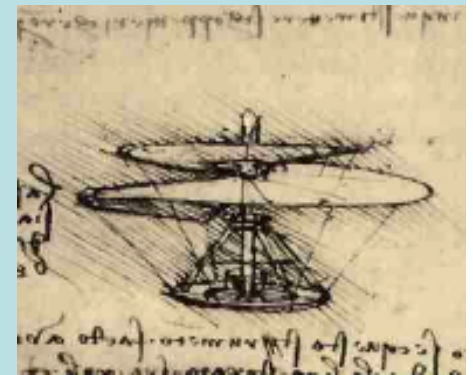
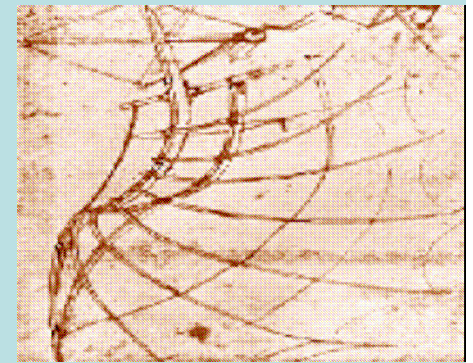
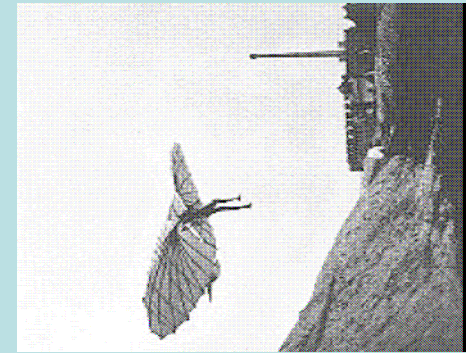
Daedilus & Icarus

Leonardo da Vinci

(1452-1519)

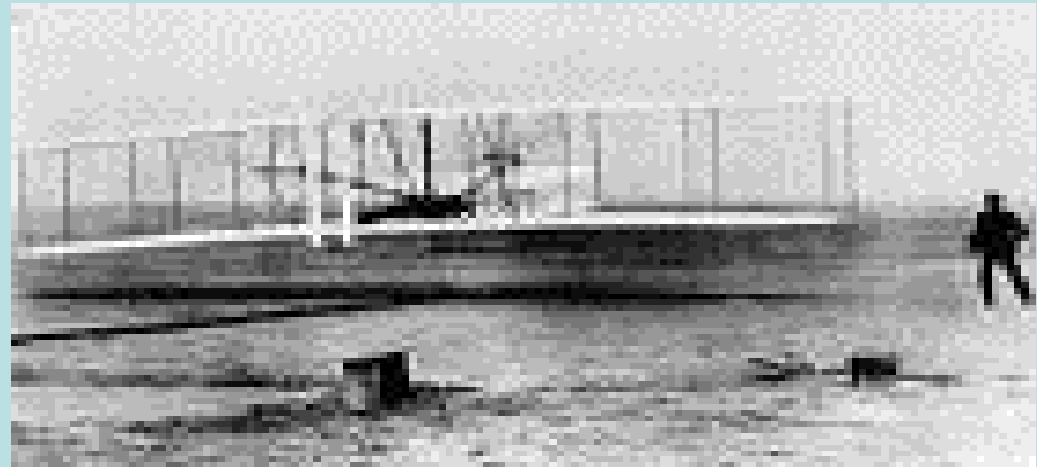
Otto Lilienthal

(1848-1896)

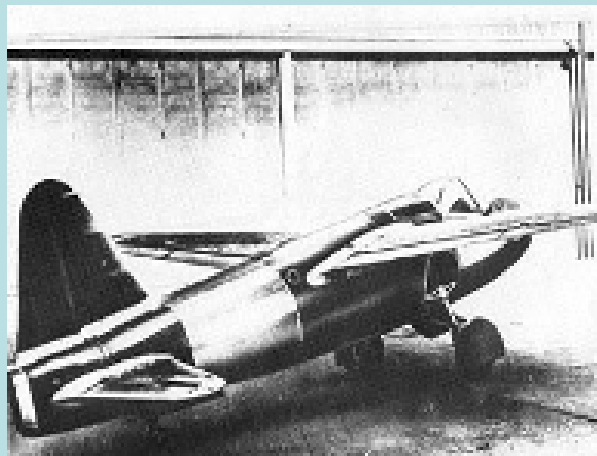


# Breakthrough

Separation of the lift and thrust function

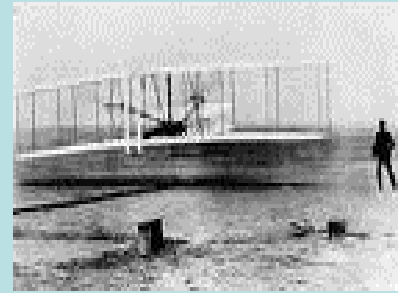


Pioneers: technical development by trial and error



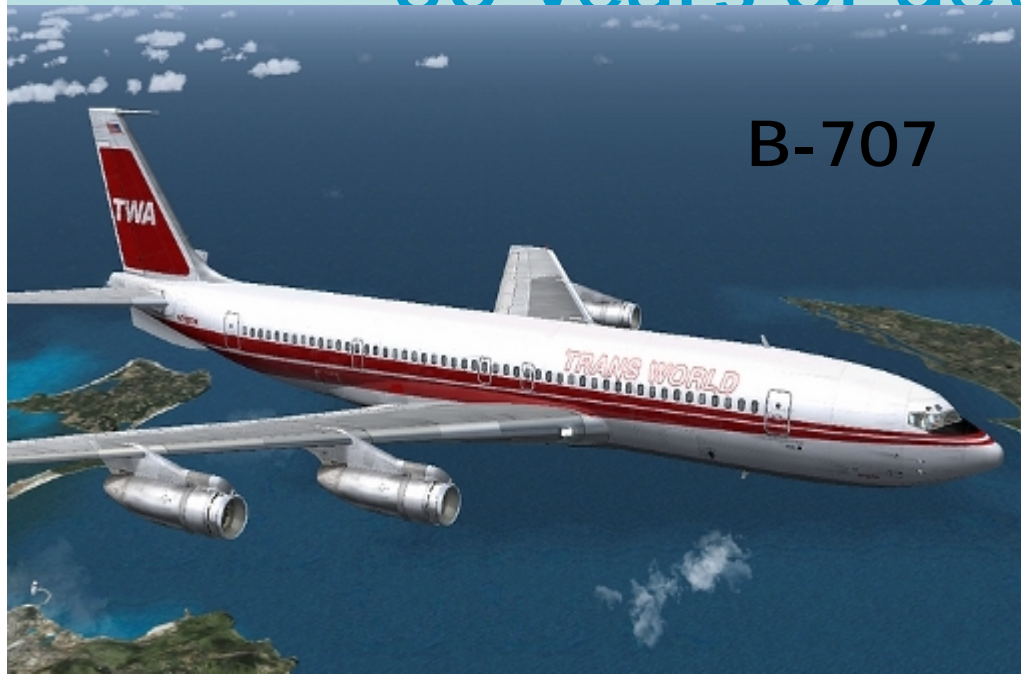
# The first 50 years

- Enormous technological advance in design and manufacturing
- Shift to a large scale manufacturing early 20's
- First jet powered aircraft in 1939: Heinkel He 178
- Integration of technology and science
- Development of jet engines in the 40's





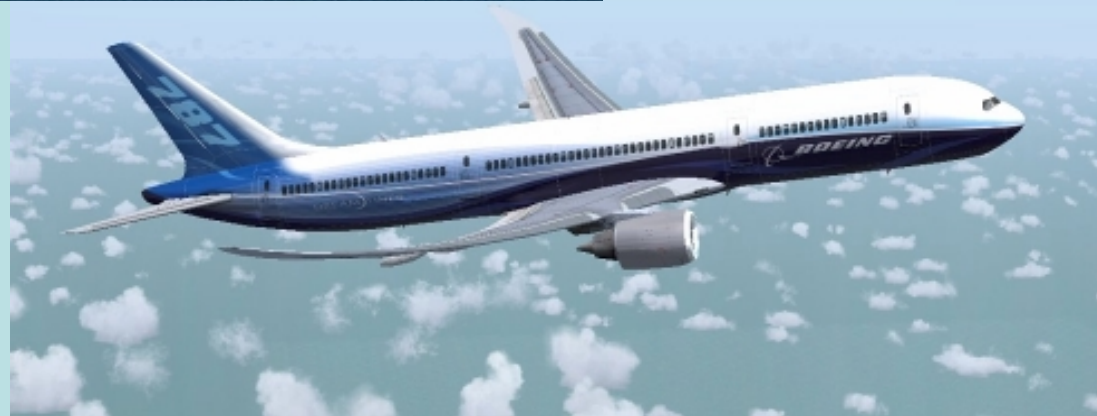
# 50 years of development



B-707



B-787



# Development based on 1 concept

- In 50 years the aircraft concept did not change!!!!
- Within the same concept development:
  - Increased bypass ratio of engine
  - new materials (composites)
  - Improvement of design methodologies
  - Introduction of fly-by-wire
- Other concepts were not explored commercially



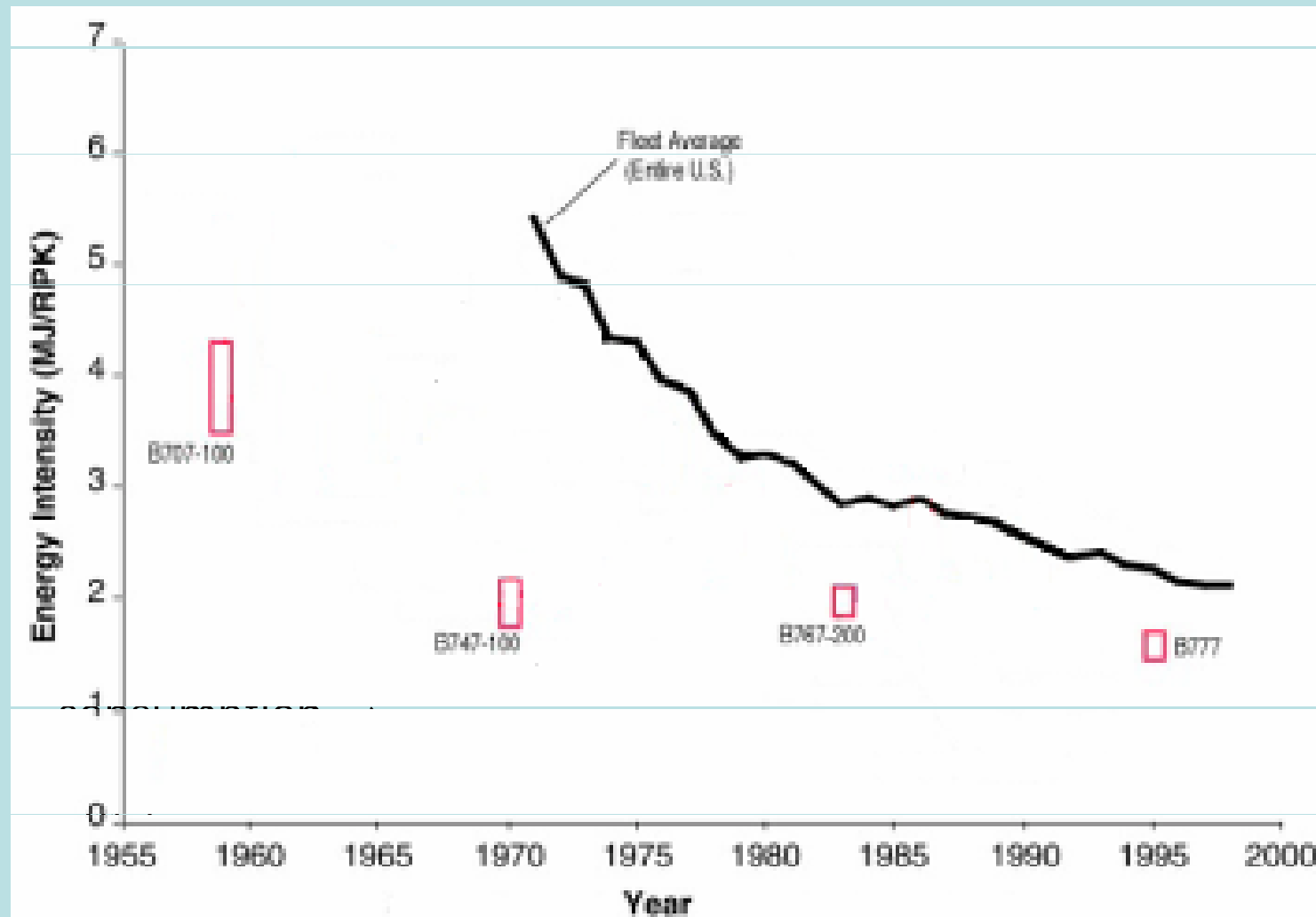
# Revolutionary Designs in the Military Aircraft Industry

- Military aircraft industry has explored more revolutionary designs such as:
  - Dynamically unstable aircraft: F-16
  - High altitude: SR-71 Blackbird
  - Blended wingbodies: B-2

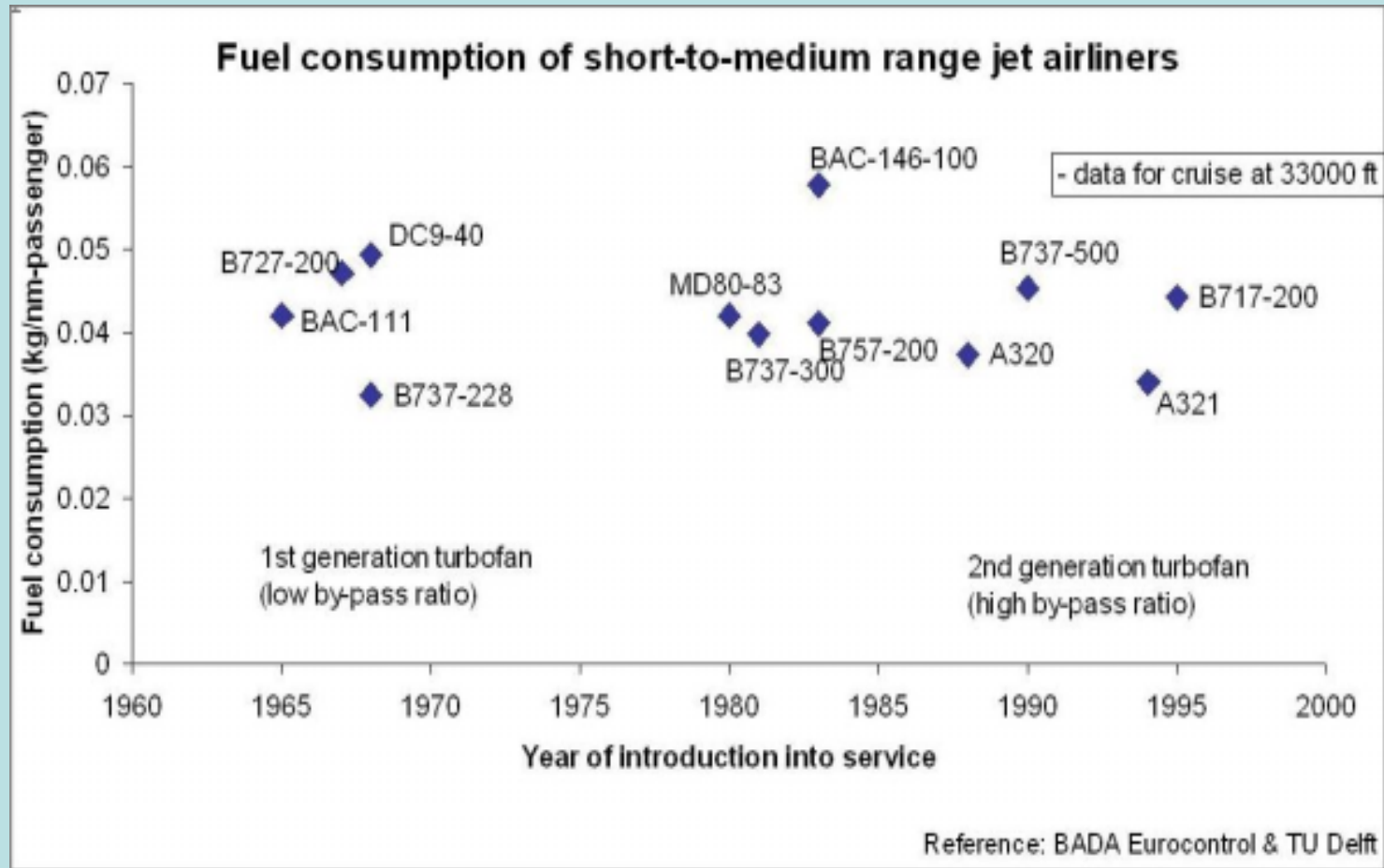




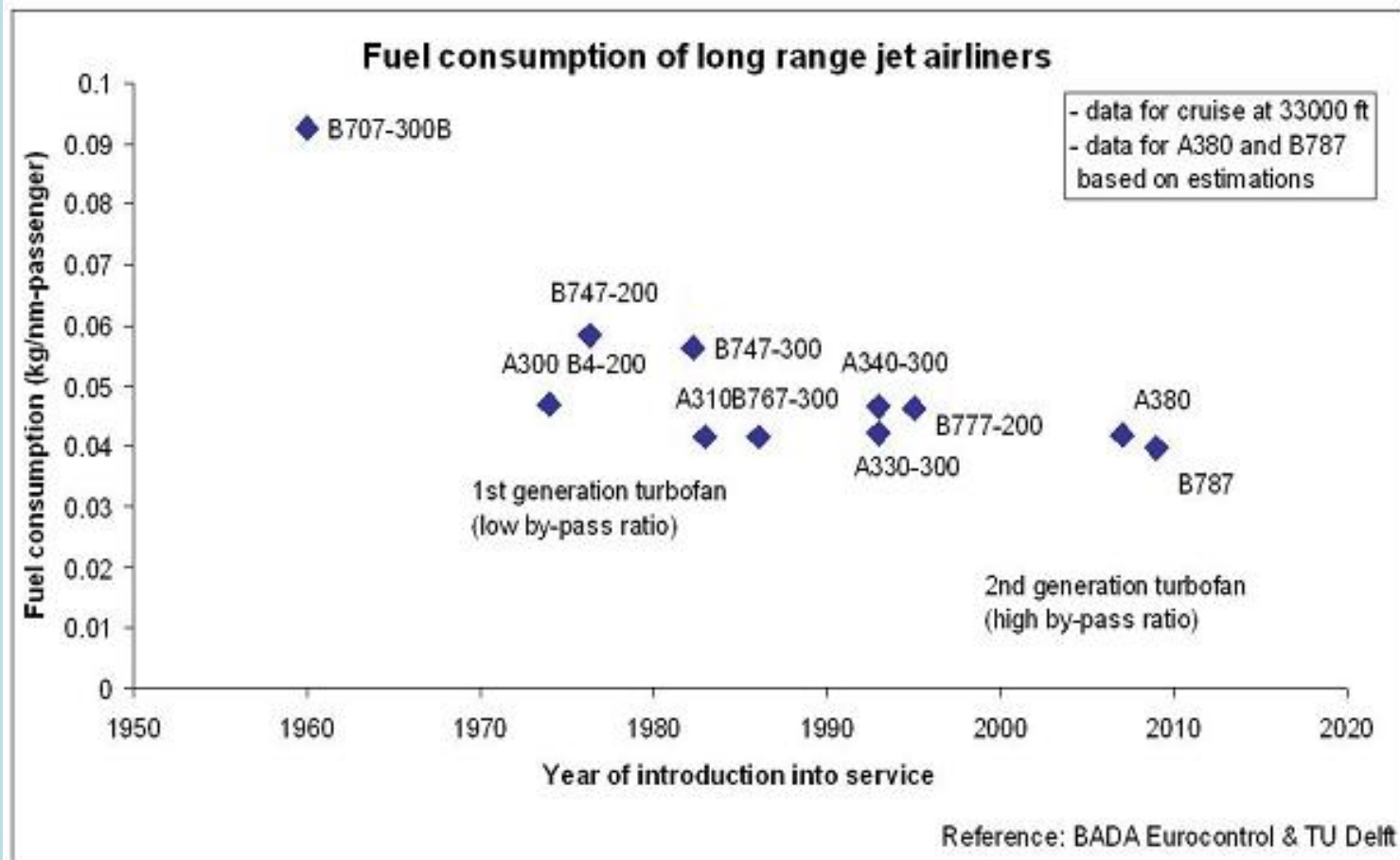
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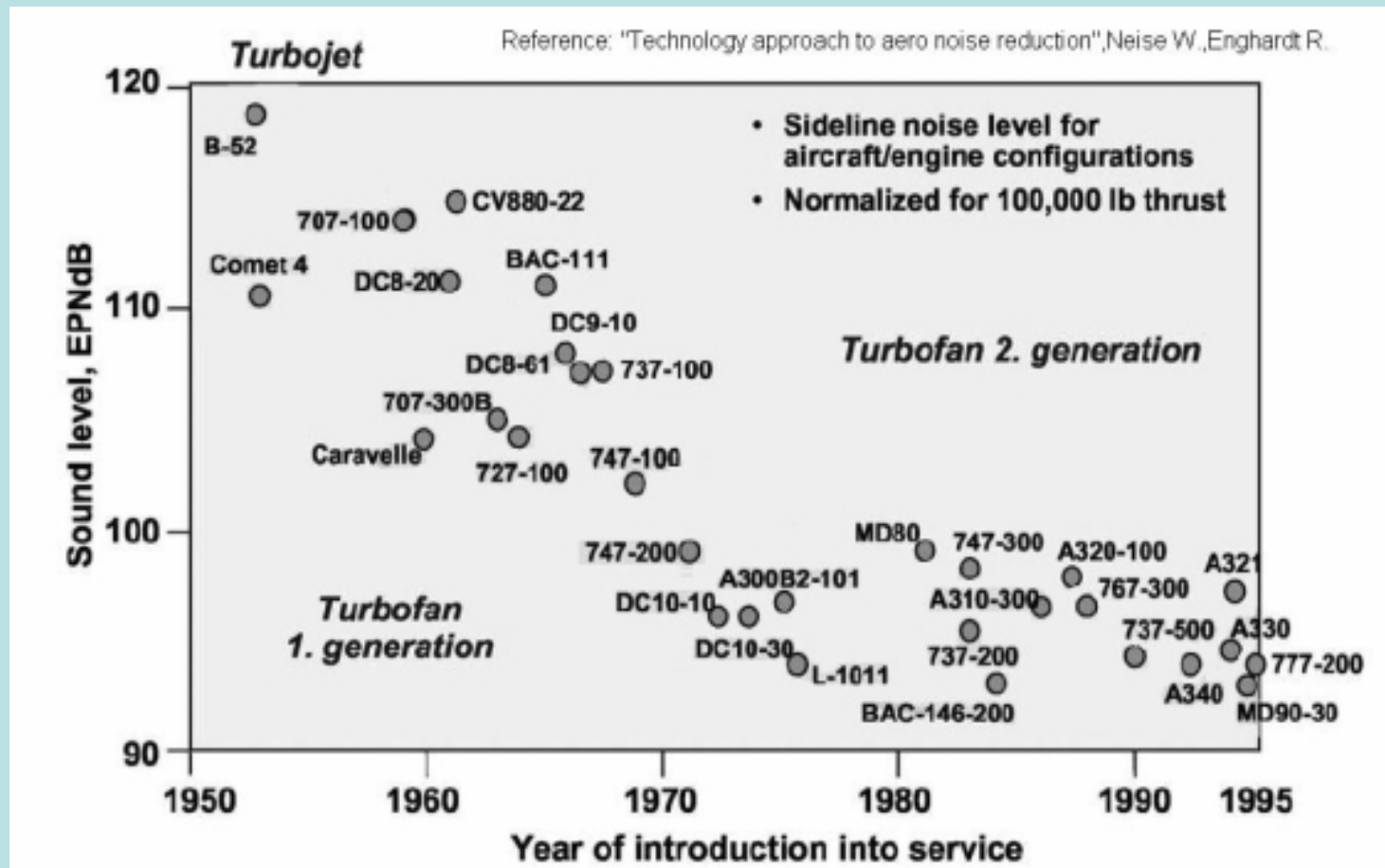
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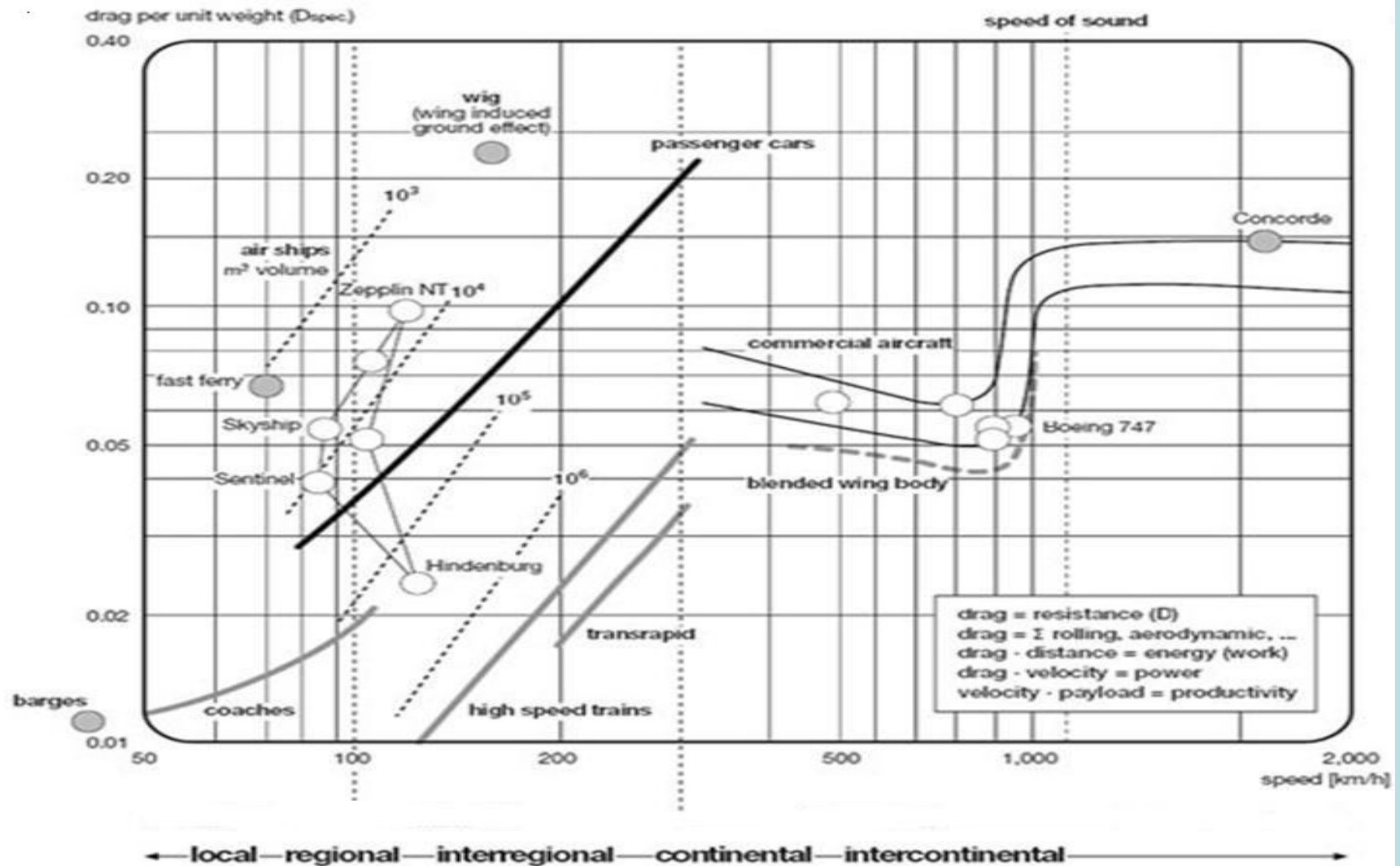
# Efficiency of Current Airplanes (3)



# Aircraft noise level



PROVEN AND FUTURE TRANSPORT SYSTEMS		
Velocity domain (km/h)	transport market/system	specific drag $D_{\text{spec}}$ -
$50 < V < 100$	local: Busses, Cars, Trains	0.01 - 0.03
$50 < V < 250$	local, regional and continental: Busses, Cars	0.01 - 0.20
$125 < V < 300$	regional and continental: high speed trains	0.01 - 0.05
$300 < V < 900$	regional, continental, intercontinental: subsonic aircraft	0.05 - 0.08
EXOTIC TRANSPORT SYSTEMS		
$V > 1000$	intercontinental: supersonic aircraft	0.10 - 0.15
$V < 150$	regional: Wings in ground effect	0.20 - 0.30
$V < 120$	regional: Airships	0.02 - 0.25





state of the art transport vehicles	$W_{empty}/W_{payload}$ ( <i>indicative</i> )	
busses	2.5	dominated by propulsion and system
cars	3 (12)	typical European midsize car
	8 (27)	Mercedes S-Class
subsonic aircraft	4	balanced division of weight components
intercity trains	10	value dominated by structural weight
supersonic aircraft	12	value dominated by propulsion, systems and fuel weight
global orbit	66	value dominated by fuel weight
lunar orbit	500	value dominated by fuel weight

# Challenges for Air Transport

Triple increase in air transport in next 20 years



Current concept has little potential for improvement



Need for revolutionary designs



**Out-of-the-box thinking**



# Vision 2020 for Europe's Future Air Transport\* , What do we need?

- The 'greening' of air transport  
(fuel, emissions, noise)
- Increased time efficiency
- Increased customer satisfaction and safety
- Improved cost efficiency
- Better protection of aircraft and passengers
- Total air transport system approach

\* As defined by ACARE



## Vision 2020

*“An aircraft and an air transport system meeting society’s needs, despite a three-fold increase in air transport”*



# Goals for 'Vision 2020'

## Quality

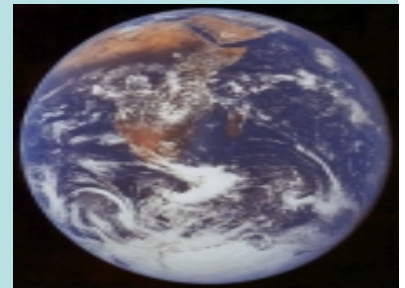
- \* 99% of all flights arriving and departing within 15 minutes of the published timetable, in all weather conditions
- \* No more than 15 minutes in the airport before departure and after arrival for short-haul flights and 30 minutes for long-haul flights
- \* Passenger's choice in comfort



# Goals for 'Vision 2020'

## Safety

- \* A five-fold reduction in average accident rate
- \* Reduction of the impact of human error
- \* Higher standards of training

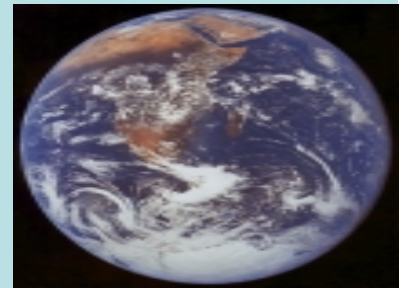




# Goals for 'Vision 2020'

## Environment

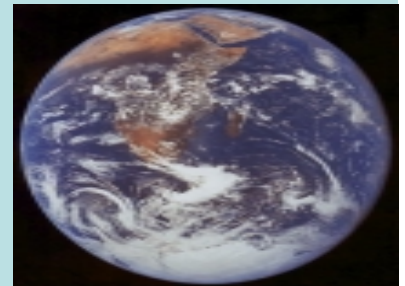
- \* Reduction in perceived noise levels of 50%
- \* 50% reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> and 80% of NO<sub>x</sub> emissions
- \* Eliminate noise annoyance outside the airport boundary



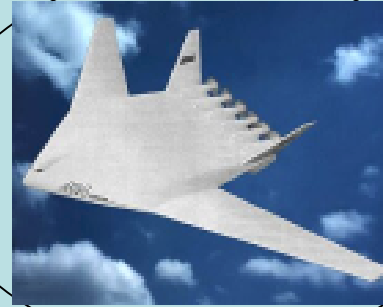
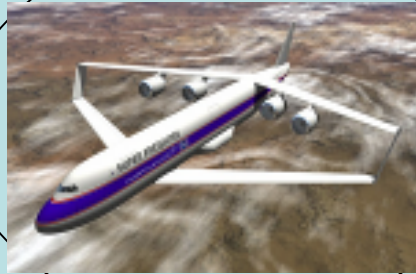
# Goals for 'Vision 2020'

## Air transport system

- \* Air traffic management system that can handle 16 million flights a year with 24-hour operation
- \* European air traffic management system mainly based on a civil global satellite system
- \* Integration of air transport into an efficient multimodal transport system



**Out-of-the-box thinking**



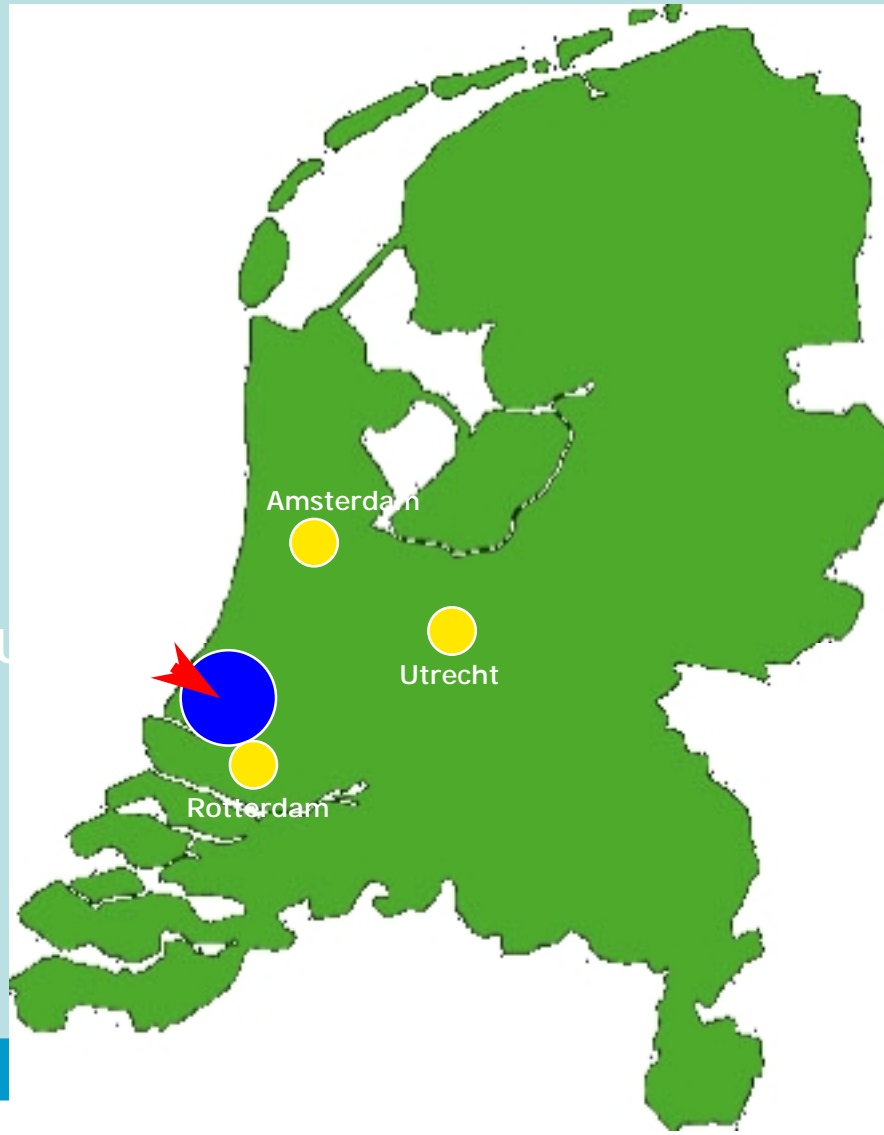
# Delft University



## *The CleanEra Project*

Cost-effective Low Emissions and Noise Efficient Regional Aircraft

# Delft University, the Netherlands



# Delft University Faculty of Aerospace Engineering

## Number of staff:

- 368 academic staff
- 112 support staff
- 135 PhD researchers

## Number of students:

- 1700+ students (BSc & MSc)
- 400-450 first year students each year





# Delft University Faculty of Aerospace Engineering Research Facilities

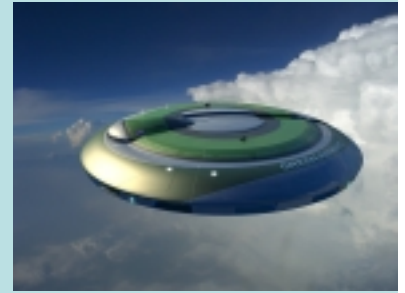
- Simona: Advanced flight simulator
- Cessna Citation: Flying classroom research facility
- Subsonic, transonic, hypersonic windtunnels
- Structures and materials laboratory
- Geo Information laboratory



# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## Mission statement

*“To develop new technologies for (a) revolutionary conceptual aircraft design(s) optimized for environment and passenger friendliness and investigate the feasibility of these technologies and their integration”*

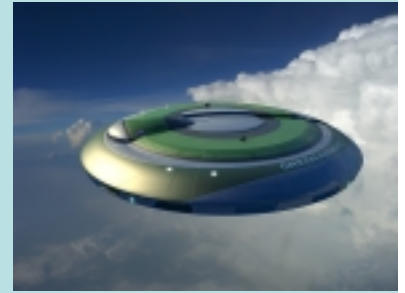


# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## Objective

Development and integration of breakthrough technologies:

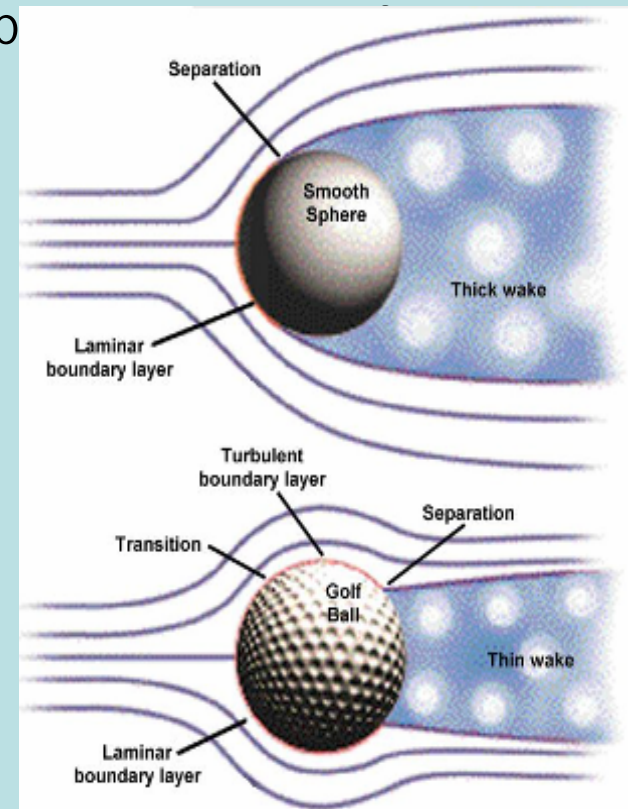
- Boundary layer control
- Parametric noise prediction model
- Autonomous flight control systems
- Advanced aircraft design with propulsion integration
- Knowledge based engineering
- Smart materials and composite design
- New structural designs



# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## Boundary layer control

- Boundary layer control for drag reduction and p separation
- Passive control: surface treatment
- Active control: actuators, synthetic jets, riblets



# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## Parametric noise prediction model

- Current noise prediction models are based on semi-empirical theories → noise measurements done on conventional aircraft
- Need for a noise model based on the aircraft parameters: to evaluate new aircraft shapes

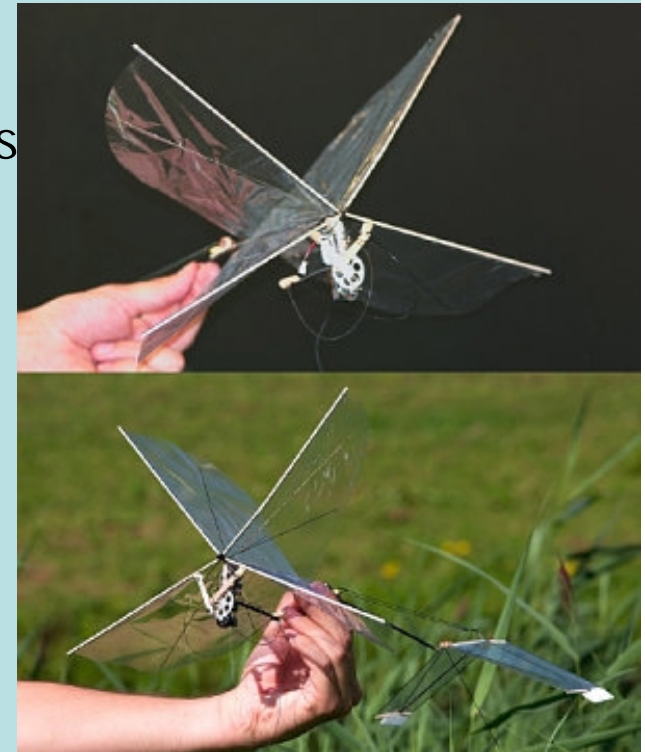
⇒ Using the parametric noise prediction model for the design of a revolutionary aircraft



# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## Autonomous flight control systems

- Advanced fly-by-wire systems
- Development of automatic flight control systems → elimination of the “loss of control in flight” human-induced accident factor
- Optimization of the human-machine interface
- Advances in flight control surfaces →  
elimination of the aircraft’s tail and reduction of control surfaces



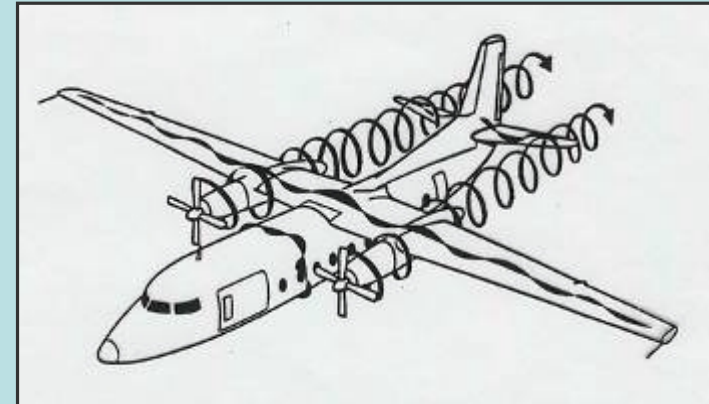
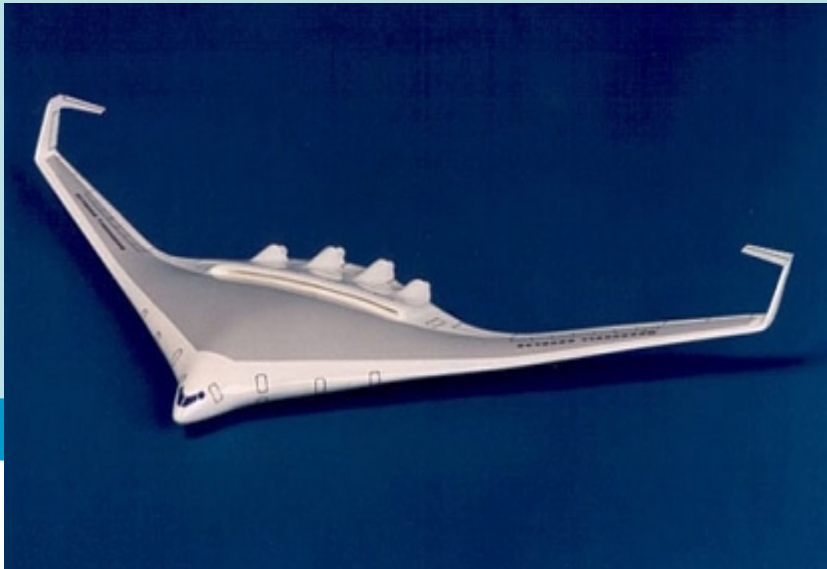
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## Advanced aircraft design with propulsion integration

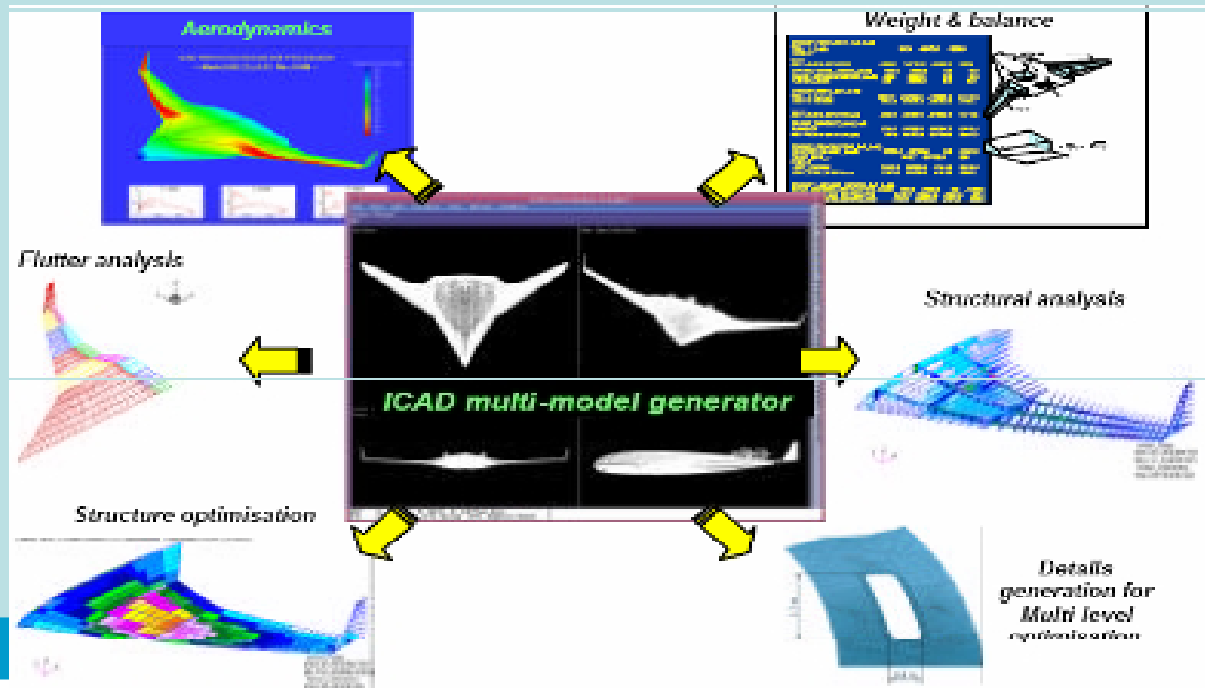
- Integration of the propulsion system with the aircraft structure to optimize the efficiency and decrease noise → boundary layer ingestion motors
- Optimizing the position of the engine on the aircraft to reduce the interaction effects + modeling of these interaction effects
- Shielding of the engines to reduce the noise



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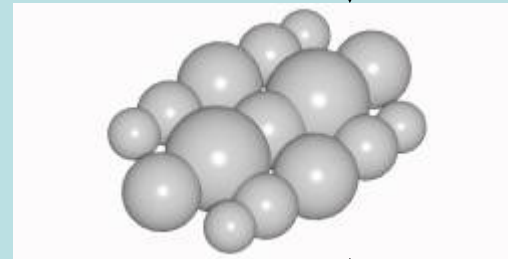
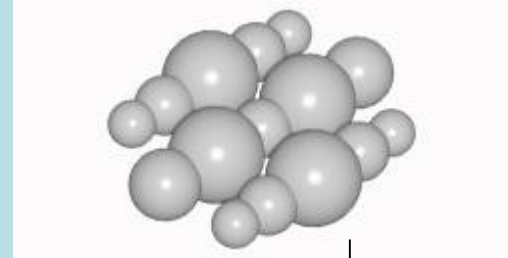
## Knowledge based engineering

- KBE technology helps to structure and record knowledge in such a way that (engineering) knowledge becomes reusable, transferable and expandable
- Feature based modeling for detailed design: KBE approach to product modeling

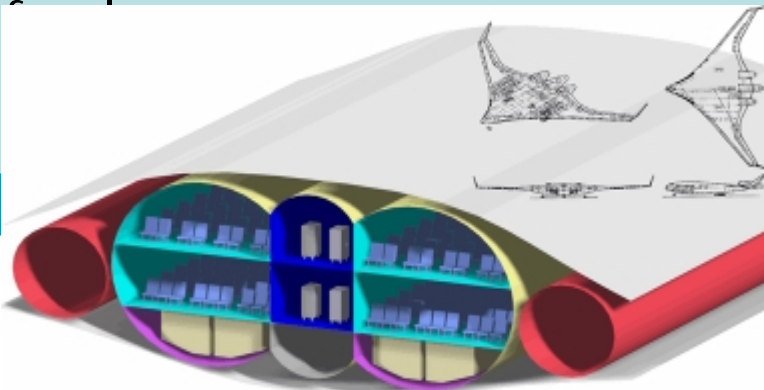


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## Smart materials and composite design



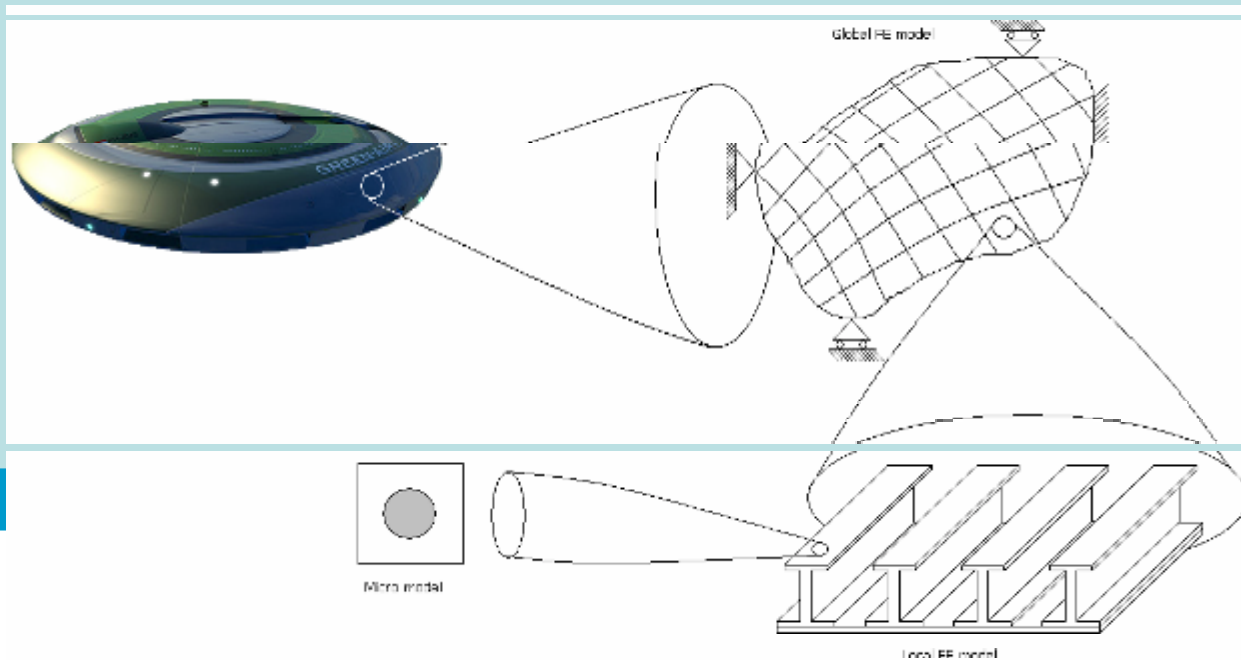
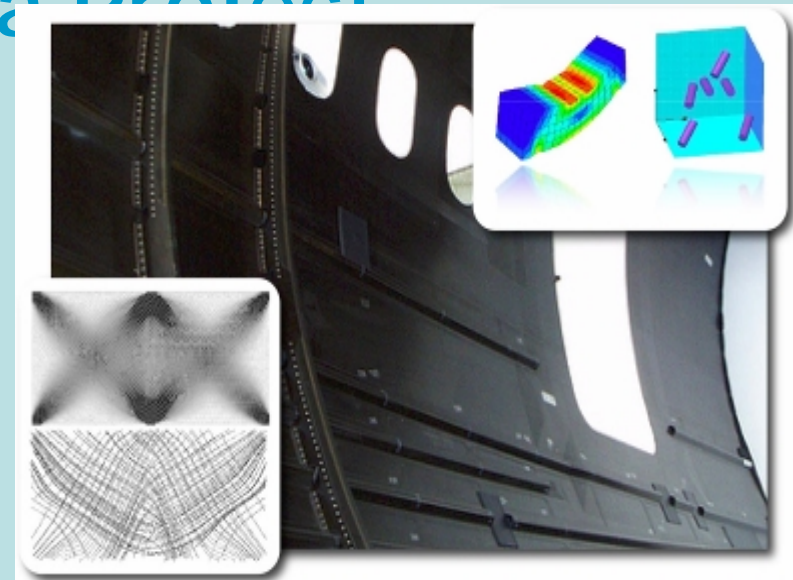
Clustering of flexible isotensoid pressure vessels to new multi-dome pressure fuselages for new blended wing bodies and lifting fuselages → Non-cylindrical composite



# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## New structural designs

- “Fiber steered” grid stiffened panels → optimization of the composite for each panel
- Advanced non-linear global/local finite element analysis (and optimization development)



# DELcraFT Works: CleanEra Project

New break-through technologies and concepts need rethinking of regulations

For composites that are “tailor made”....

For new structural concepts.....

For automated flight controls.....

For “free flight” systems.....

For take-off and landing procedures.....

For aerodynamics based on boundary layer control.....

For .....



# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## Major partners



Royal Dutch Airlines



Stork Aerospace



Netherlands Agency for  
Aerospace Programmes



National Aerospace  
Laboratory





# DELcraft Works: CleanEra Project

## Success Criteria for the 4 year project:

- Several breakthrough technologies are identified and feasibility is demonstrated
- preliminary designs can be presented
- aerospace industries and institutes are (very) interested in the results



What will be CleanEra's  
future airplane concept

?



**We will let you know in 4 years!**

